

March 28, 1984

Inspection Memo
to Coal File:

RE: Co-op Mining Company
Bear Creek Canyon Mine
ACT/015/025, folder #7
Emery County, Utah

On March 21, 1984 a partial inspection of the Bear Creek Canyon Mine area was conducted by Ken Wyatt, Field Specialist for the Division. Mel Coonrod of Co-op Mining Company accompanied this inspector.

At the time of this inspection maintenance work was observed throughout the mine area in order to clean ditches and regrade roads. The access road to the crusher pad was discussed with the operator. In order to maintain this area and install the appropriate ditches and berms, a cut would be required into the adjacent hillside in order to widen this road for the ditch installation.

The upper pad area was dry at this time and no runoff was observed. Most of the snow throughout the mine area has melted. The sediment pond was holding water and no discharge was occurring. No water was observed in the catch basin adjacent to the scale house facility.

The Bear Creek undisturbed bypass culvert was examined. The concrete culvert has been placed into the creek. This area has not been backfilled. Water was observed flowing through the culvert. The question was raised that several of these culverts were not fitted together snugly. These culvert sections should be better connected prior to any backfilling activity.

The septic tanks that were installed in 1983 have not yet received final approval from the Utah Department of Health. This approval is necessary prior to backfilling and initial operation of these tanks.

No compliance problems were encountered.

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Field Specialist

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Statistics: See Up&L's Deer Creek Mine memo dated March 28, 1984

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